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At Random

Hello, 1944! You look tough but we are sure you will be as good as possible.

But those prospective March 15th headaches aren't anything to look forward to.

The report forms baffle even the best lawyers, it is claimed.

We wonder if Eleanor gets free passes now that the government runs the railroads.

It seems that juveniles are more sinned against than sinning.

America has so many great men that some of them seem ordinary.

It requires a lot more ability to take part in a discussion than it does in an argument.

We're not asking that our burdens be made lighter, but that our backs be made stronger.

She got her second lieutenant; first one died.

Shooting the bull, passing the buck and making seven copies of everything, seems a favorite Washington pastime.

After visiting Washington you're liable to be only 5 per cent all there.

TIMBER ON STATE LANDS AVAILABLE FOR CUTTING

Scattered patches of merchantable lumber on approximately a million acres of state-owned land outside state game or forest project areas as well as timber inside such administered lands is available for cutting, lands division men have pointed out in answer to inquiries received by the conservation department. Some timber also is available on state-owned lands inside national forest areas.

Permits for the sale of timber outside conservation project areas are issued by the lands division. Operators wishing to purchase forest products on these lands must inspect them to be sure the areas contain the amount and the kind of material they want. Then application must be made to the lands division for cutting permits.

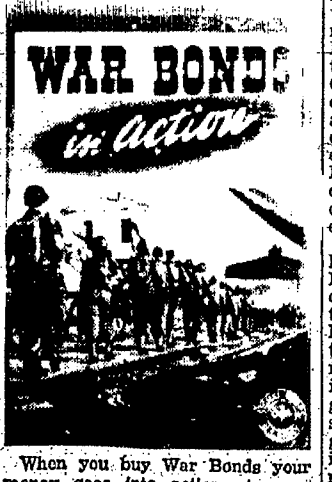
Timber sales on state forests, state game areas or other administered forestry or wildlife units are made to the public when the management plans call for the cutting of timber. Anyone wishing to buy timber from these lands should contact the field representative in charge of the area or write to the department of conservation in Lansing.

PITIFUL FLIGHT OF EUROPE'S WILD CHILDREN

Homeless and starved, subjected to unspeakable horrors by the invading "supermen," fifty million vagabonds are devising astonishing ways of taking care of themselves. Ninon Talon, former French newspaper woman, tells... in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Jan. 9) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times... the tragic story of the suffering the roving children of Europe have endured.

First Commandant

The initial leader of America's "first to fight" corps, oldest military branch of the United States government, was Samuel Nicholas, a Marine Corps captain who was authorized by the Continental Congress and signed by its president, John Hancock, several days before Esek Hopkins and John Paul Jones were appointed officers of the Continental



When you buy War Bonds your money goes into action at once. Where, we may never know. Maybe, as shown above, to equip a company of American Rangers marching on a railroad somewhere on the Mediterranean. Whether they come back depends upon the equipment we send. Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds.

U.S. Treasury Department

Peter Rasmussen Funeral Held Friday

Peter Rasmussen, who passed away at the home of his son Elmer in Marquette on Dec. 28, at the age of 97 years had spent the greater part of his life in Grayling.

He was one of its hardy pioneers, who came here when there was little but wilderness in this section. Like most men of his time he endured many hardships while trying to establish a home. Coming to America in his youth, he first located in Marquette and later in Grayling working in the lumber camps and mills. For 60 years he was a trusted employee of Salling, Ransom Company, as foreman in their lumber yards and mills remaining with them until they ceased operations here. In his earlier days Mr. Rasmussen took active part in Grayling's civic and social life, and was a highly respected citizen with a wealth of friends.

Mr. Rasmussen retained his keenness of mind throughout his advancing years. His passing came as the result of a fall in his bedroom at the home of his son the day before Christmas. He passed peacefully, from the shock of the fall passing away at 3:00 o'clock, Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Peter Rasmussen was born in Botky, Denmark, Jan. 29, 1847 to Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Pederson. After leaving school he worked as a shoemaker; he also served his home country, when he was a soldier in Copenhagen. He was united in marriage to Jensine Boesen, July 14, 1869 and to the union one son, Elmer was born, who survives together with eight grandchildren.

Following the passing of Mrs. Rasmussen in June, 1939, Mr. Rasmussen went to Marquette to reside with his son, where he was very comfortable and carefully cared for during his remaining years. Other than the son and family, one sister Mrs. Lewis Jensen of Ypsilanti survives.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Sorenson Funeral Home was attended by old friends.

Rev. Svend Holm officiated and in his brief sermon said Peter Rasmussen had come back home to Grayling to rest where he had been so actively engaged in lumbering in the early days.

With Miss Ingeborg Hanson at the piano, Mrs. Joseph McLeod, Mrs. Alfred Hanson and Miss Jesse Sales sang "Abide With Me," and a Danish hymn. Pallbearers were: Chris Johnson, Johannes Rasmussen, Alfred Hanson, Samuel Rasmussen, Albert Roberts and Carl Johnson. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery beside the remains of his wife Jensine Rasmussen.

Accompanying the remains here were Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen and daughters—Karen, of Marquette, Miss Betty of Detroit and Miss Phyllis, H. A. I-C, U. S. Naval Hospital, Bainbridge, Maryland. Others from out of town included Holger Hanson of Ypsilanti, Mrs. Leo Jeambert and daughter Joyce, Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

OPA Officials To Hold Meetings Here

IMPORTANT TO GAS DISTRIBUTORS AND INSTITUTIONAL FOOD USERS.

Two meetings of major interest to gasoline distributors and institutional food users are scheduled for 8 p. m. Thursday in Grayling, the Saginaw district Office of Price Administration announced today.

The gasoline distributors of Crawford, Oscoda and Roscommon counties will meet with Edward C. MacRae, chief enforcement attorney for the district O. P. A., and Edward Germain, district rationing executive in the County building. The topic of discussion will be the distributor and the dealer responsibility in connection with the OPA's mileage enforcement program. MacRae will explain proper procedure for handling ration currency and the endorsements needed on the ration coupons.

In the other meeting, to be held simultaneously at the War Price and Rationing Board, Francis D. Grover, district food rationing executive, and Howard C. Heath, meat rationing representative, will address hotel and restaurant operators and other institutional food users. This group will discuss the revised institutional food rationing program. The O. P. A. district rationing division stressed this as the most important meeting of the year for the group.

Equal-to-Ground-Corn

Ground barley is practically equal to ground corn in feeding value for dairy cows and may be substituted for it pound-for-pound in the grain mixture. Barley should be ground to medium fineness or crushed before it is fed.



During the winter months when snow enfolds the woods in quiet peace and loveliness, scenes like this are common throughout the state, and nature lovers discover once more that no matter what the season, there's beauty in the out-of-doors.

Roy Trudgeon Heads Kiwanis

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED LAST WEEK.

Grayling Kiwanis club last week (Wednesday, Dec. 29) closed its 1943 affairs at its regular meeting at Shoppenagons Inn, and officers for 1944 were duly installed.

There were a number of visitors present. Among them were Lt. Governor Allen Schruer and Past Lt. Governor Frank Shipp. Also Douglas Stirling, manager of the Reed Paper Co., of Saginaw.

Rev. Kuhlman, President, gave a resume of some of the highlights of his administration, just closing. Lt. Gov. Schruer, the installing officer, called all retiring officers and committee chairmen and paid them a fine tribute for the successful year the club had experienced. He received from President Kuhlman his president's pin.

President-elect Roy Trudgeon was awarded the club president pin, and together with vice-president-elect Stanley Stealy and secretary-treasurer Jerome Keseler, were admonished as to the responsibilities of their respective offices.

It was one of the most pleasant and dignified ceremonies of installation ever administered in the club. Having attended every one since the club was organized, we believe we can speak with authority.

At the meeting, Wednesday of this week, the newly-elected officers took over. President Roy Trudgeon offered a number of suggestions for the year's program. He told how, after a few meetings with one of Chicago's large Kiwanis clubs, he was beginning to feel at home there and

the members were quick to recognize him and make him feel that he was one of them. He encouraged members to visit other clubs whenever possible.

He reported that his committee list was not yet complete, but would be announced next week.

Informal discussion followed; prominent among the topics was the matter of an ice skating rink. Tony Nelson of the State Highway Department offered the use of their equipment, and City Manager George Granger says the City is ready to co-operate in helping to put over this important project. He has accepted the chairmanship of a special Kiwanis committee for this proposal.

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Oswald O. Ohhof, three-time wounded veteran of Guadalcanal, is now appearing at meetings before woodlot owners, woods and mill workers in timber-producing areas in the State. In retelling his vivid experiences of jungle fighting, Ohhof urges less absenteeism and more timber production to hasten the day of victory.

War Orphan Wins



Under the auspices of the "Stars and Stripes" this little British war orphan enjoyed a day's outing with a U. S. quartermaster battalion which has adopted her. She is pictured somewhere in England standing in line for chow with buddies.

Gaylord Basketeers Here Friday Night

First Conference Game of the Season; Game Predicted To Be a Close, Hard-Fought One.

Grayling High School will be playing its first Northern Class C Conference basketball game Friday night, January 7th, when it meets Gaylord on the local court.

It is expected this contest will be the usual hard-fought tussle that features the rivalry between these two teams—advance notices indicate the teams are about on a par. If anything, Gaylord has the edge in veterans held over from last season.

Grayling resumed basketball practice Monday, after a rest over the holiday vacation, and the squad seems to have plenty of zip—so it is expected they will be "rarin' to go" Friday night.

Coach Cornell has been experimenting with a few changes in the line-up, so fans may see Sandy Thompson back at his old post at forward. Bennett may also be shifted to forward, while Allen is sure to hold down one of the guard spots. Wor the center and other starting guard, there will be close competition between Stevenson, Burns, Anthony, Brady, Schaible, Carlson and Small. Papendick, a likely center prospect, is ineligible for the week.

It is hoped the Grayling fans will be out in force for the Gaylord game. In the two home games to date, more adult tickets have been purchased by visiting team followers than by our local people.

Make it a point to be at the Grayling gym, Friday night.

1944 Fishing Rules and Regulations

All Ice Shanties, Houses and Shelters Must Display Owner's Name; License Fee \$1.00.

Fishing licenses are available from conservation officers, or other agents who are found in most communities of the state.

Resident fishing license fee is \$1.00, and expires December 31. This license is required of persons over 17 years of age fishing in any manner in the inland waters, except license identification for wife is issued without additional charge. Permits taking in season all species of fish except grayling and sturgeon.

Non-resident annual fishing license fee is \$2.00, expiring also December 31. Required of non-resident persons over 17 years of age fishing in Michigan waters, except that wife may obtain similar license for 50c. Also, no license is required for taking catfish, perch, bullheads, blue pike, sand pike, ciscoes and carp by hook and line from Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie, and the St. Mary's, St. Clair, Detroit and Saginaw rivers.

Non-resident 10-day fishing license fee is \$1.00 and expires 10 days from date of issue. Wife may obtain similar license for 50 cents.

All structures and shelters put on the ice and left unattended for any length of time shall be identified with the name and address of the owner on the outside in letters in insoluble material and not less than two inches high so as to be readily seen. All such structures shall be removed before ice conditions become unsafe or within 30 days after ice melts.

Otherwise the director of conservation may remove and store or destroy such structure and assess the cost of same to the owner in addition to penalties which may be assessed for violation. Failure to identify or to wrongfully identify and to remove the structure is a violation and subject to prosecution.

Entertains With New Year Dinner

Mrs. Thomas J. Wells entertained with a sumptuous New Year dinner at her home on the AuSable, in honor of her son Perry. Those present were Mrs. James Perry, Mrs. Lloyd Perry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Perry and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cardinal, Miss Wanda Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berchers and daughter Bonnie Kaye, all of Grayling. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward and son of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst, and Mr. Cliff Beattie and son Bud of Hale, Mich.

Public Notice

Beginning Saturday the 11th of December, and every Saturday thereafter until the 10th day of January, 1944, I will be at Grayling Township hall for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Clare Madsen,
Grayling Township
Treasurer 12-9-43.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Twenty-three Years Ago—January 1, 1921.

Judge Oscar Palmer handed over his official affairs as retired Judge of Probate to George Sorenson, who got busy at once and is now ensconced in judicial authority in this smallest paid office in the County.

Alma Pearl, 13 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilber of this city passed away at the home of her parents very suddenly, on New Year's afternoon, from acute indigestion.

A son, Roger Ellsworth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deckrow, yesterday morning.

Word has been received by friends here telling of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woodburn, of Detroit. Mrs. Woodburn will be remembered as Miss Louise Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClain are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Friday, Dec. 31st.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens at their home in

Santa Barbara, Calif., according to an announcement sent out by "Tom" to local friends.

Tomorrow evening music and dance, as the city of the Grayling Knights of Columbus, held at the High School gym. There will be a concert by a band of 60.

Benjamin Shore of 14 expected to arrive here and will assume the position of assistant superintendent of the plant. H. Clay, who is now assistant superintendent, will assume charge of the chemical laboratories. Clay will serve as superintendent of the Bay City plant, and Morfit will continue as superintendent of the Grayling plant.

Peter Christenson arrived here part of the week, N. D., and has been his sister, Mrs. Karl, whom he had not seen for years. Mr. Christenson, of the pioneer settler's county, but left Grayling years ago.

Don Charron Joins Air Forces

Donald K. Charron, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Charron of Grayling, has begun training as a cadet in the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University. His training here is aimed to prepare him for the duties of a Technical Officer in Aircraft Armament and upon completing the course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

According to Colonel Raymond Reeves, Commanding Officer of the post, the new Aviation cadet will study chemical warfare, electrical armament, controls, small arms, explosives and ammunition, bomb racks and synchronization of machine gun sights and gun cameras. In addition to classroom work, much of his schedule will include intensive training for physical fitness, toughening him for terrain and temperature found in fighting fronts around the world. Part of his time will be spent in the field under simulated conditions.

After being commissioned he will be placed in charge of a crew of enlisted men specialists at flying fields in the United States or overseas where he will maintain the Armament of both fighter and bomber planes taken over by flying crews.

Grayling Girl To Be Naval Storekeeper

Enrollment in the Naval Training School for storekeepers on the Indiana University Campus at Bloomington, Ind., has started Woman Reservist Vivian J. Stephan, 20, Grayling, Michigan, in her specialty course as a naval storekeeper.

Past civilian experience and "boot training" aptitude tests are the basis for selection to the school.

At Indiana she will receive expert instruction in storing, recording, reporting, requisitioning and invoicing stocks. Classroom curriculum is supplemented with physical training and recreation periods.

Advancement to petty officer rate of storekeeper third class awaits the Woman Reservist upon graduation from the Indiana campus.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TO MEET JANUARY 12

Russell Martin, Director of the Higgins Lake Conservation Training School will be at the Sportsmen's Club meeting next Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. Mr. Martin has a very interesting program and all club members and others interested are invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the American Legion Hall, beginning at 8 o'clock.

A. DOEPKER OF KALKASKA IS NAMED FIELD AUDITOR

Alex F. Doepker, Kalkaska county treasurer the last nine years, will resign January 15 to accept an appointment from Auditor General Vernon J. Brown as field auditor for this 12-county area. He will retain his position as chairman of the Kalkaska County Red Cross.

Mr. Doepker is a graduate of Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant, and taught school for 13 years.

Lumber and Wood Operators Meet In Grayling

On the evening of January 13, at 8 p. m., C.W. Japs in the South Park talk of his experiences of moving pictures in the lumber and pulpwood industry. The above products in dozens of uses in fighting the above products in the pulpwood industry. The above products in the pulpwood industry. The above products in the pulpwood industry.

Former Grayling Married In West

Word was received of the marriage of Staff Sgt. Walter Skingley of Crawford, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Skingley of Grayling, to Betty Jo Thomas of Salt Lake City, Utah, which took place at the church of Grace Valley, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31.

The couple was attended by Staff Sgt. Schofield, Beale, and Mrs. Edward of Grace Valley.

Walter graduated from high school in 1932 after graduation he went to work, and while met his future bride. He went to work in Detroit and to the Army a year later, and has been in the West many months.

The happy couple will be stationed at Skingley is stationed at Beale.

Congratulations and wishes are extended to the happy couple. Walt was popular as a star football and basketball player.

Attention! Registered Nurses

There will be a specialing of all registered nurses of Crawford, Roscommon and go counties on Monday, Jan. 10, 1944, at 8 p. m. at the Home in Grayling.

This meeting is for the purpose of re-classification of nurses for procurement and assignment under the Federal War Relocation Act.

Miss Winifred Galloway, Traverse City, will be in attendance as guest speaker in the reclassification.

It is urgently requested that all nurses attend this meeting, all possible, regardless of whether they are members of the association or not.

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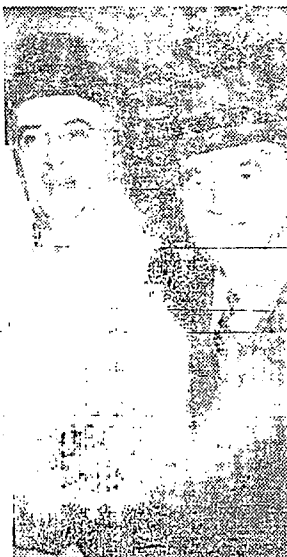
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So Others May Walk



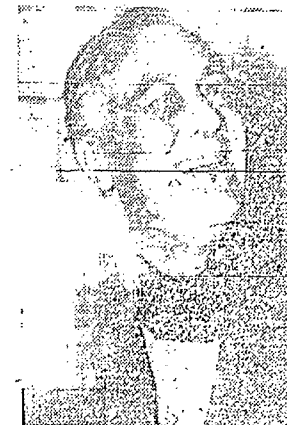
Gerry King, six year old victor over infantile paralysis, sends a birthday greeting card to President Roosevelt and includes his dimes to help other victims. Gerry was aided by the March of Dimes. He now contributes regularly.

Strike Conferees



J. J. Aronson of the New York Central railroad (left) and J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, as they arrived at a White House conference on the threatened railroad strike. Operating brotherhoods had asked a \$3 per day increase.

'No Place Like Home'



Despite his extensive traveling, President Roosevelt seemed very happy to get back to the White House in this picture. He is bronzed from the Persian sun and wears a gray sharkskin suit, tan sweater, a dark blue shirt with white-lined checks and a bright blue tie.

Marines Raised Flag
 The first American flag to be flown in Alaska was raised by U. S. Marines at Sitka on October 13, 1867.

Northern Lights

Grade News.

Christmas in the Kindergarten.

Mrs. Frank Bond assumed the responsibilities of our teacher's duties Christmas week. She helped us decorate our tree and wrap our mothers' gifts.

Mr. Goss was very helpful as he set up our tree for us.

We gilded and enameled pine cones and nut shells. We finger-painted and coated with Christmas snow red and green stars. The stars and cones were used for tree trimming. Our bulletin board decorations all of which we made, consisted of a line of red bells along the top. From the center of the line we hung a holly wreath with Santa's face enclosed. Along the bottom of the board we placed yellow bowls of red and green poinsettias. Our north wall had a border of green pine trees made from triangles. We made Christmas candles and hung up Christmas Brownies and red colored stockings.

For our mothers we made Pine Tree Memo Pads. We are sorry, but we did not get father's present because of so much illness.

Santa sent word that the morning and afternoon groups should meet Wednesday morning as he could only make one visit to each room. He arrived with candy for each of us. We had an exchange of gifts from the tree. Mrs. Bond made some very delicious popcorn balls for us. We liked our party very much.

We were very sorry Andrea Brown had pneumonia and could not be with us. Karen and Carol Libcke were unable to attend because of illness, also.

Roger May visited his grandmother in Rogers City during his vacation.

Helen Horning visited relatives in Gaylord Christmas Day. Kenneth Lazarowicz enjoyed a sleigh ride in the country.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

For Christmas the boys and girls in the first grade room made picture frames from paper plates, with their own pictures enclosed, as a gift for their mothers.

Their gifts for the fathers was a pine tree with a scratch pad.

At about 10:30 on Wednesday, Santa Claus entered the room with boxes of candy for all. The children then exchanged gifts and left school at noon to begin their vacation.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

The Christmas party marked the culmination of various activities in our room. Our boys and girls looked forward to Santa Claus' visit with great enthusiasm. Much joy was obtained in the exchange of gifts and greeting cards.

Our teacher Mrs. Emily Beardlee, spent a part of the vacation at the Hotel Monicello in Norfolk, Va., as the guest of her son, Alvin A. Beardlee, Fireman Second Class, U. S. Navy.

THIRD GRADE

For Christmas, the third grade children made plaques from paper plates—coloring a picture on it and painting over the whole with dark shellac. They also made small basket-shaped needle holders from bright printed oil cloth. These were given to their parents as gifts.

Many of the children remained at home for the holidays, but a few wandered off. James Bond and Burdette, Albert, Ronde went to Alpena and Nanty Pappenfus to Frederic.

Fourth Grade.

Donald Dale left school a week before Christmas to visit his grandmother in Toledo, Ohio.

We made holders for our mothers sewing equipment from red and blue oilcloth.

Fifth Grade.

The boys and girls in Miss Dough's room made very attractive spool holders from small pieces of lumber and a few nails. They were painted various colors and when finished made colorful gifts as well as useful ones for their mothers. For their fathers many made necktie holders, and painted them in bright colors.

We wish to thank the school for the Christmas candy.

Sixth Grade.

The pupils of the 6th and 6th grade room made not pads for Christmas. They made them from cardboard and crepe paper. The paper was cut into strips and twisted to make cord. Then it was woven through slits in the cardboard. They also made Christmas cards, besides trimmings for the tree. On Wednesday morning Santa Claus entered the room just as the group was singing "Santa Claus is Coming To Town". Everyone was happy to receive a box of candy from him.

Exchanging gifts also was a lot of fun. Some of the boys tried out the games they received. The Christmas tree was striped of its trimmings and the pupils departed at noon on Wednesday to begin their Christmas vacation.

School children are back in school after an enjoyable Christmas. The sixth grade in Miss Langlois' room reports that their parents were pleased with the gifts they made for them. Colorful wall plaques were made of plywood. The wood was sanded, colored and a pretty picture pasted on it. Letter openers

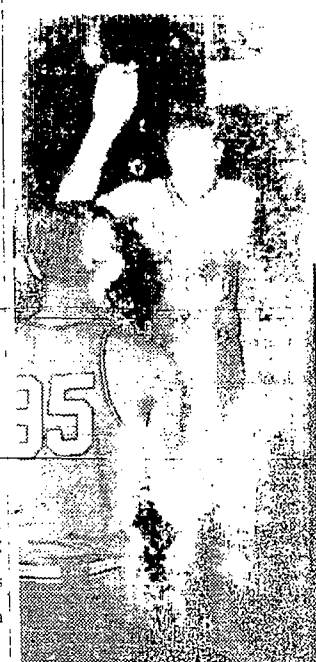
were fashioned out of tongue-depressors. These were carved and sanded, then a little design drawn on the handle. These made useful gifts for our fathers.

Thank You.

We would like to thank the Womans Club for their generous supply of clothing given to the school to be distributed among the needy children.

Members of the Faculty.
 We would like to thank Mrs. Edna A. Hanson for the money given to be used as needed among the children.

Tall Basket



Bob Kurland (90), tallest player in basketball, covers teammate Bob Hance as the latter attempts to sink a basket. Kurland plays center for the Oklahoma A. & M. team. He is 7 feet tall.

Grange Notes

New Year's day several families of the Grange met at the hall, and enjoyed a bounteous dinner together. After the meeting several remained, and others came and had supper.

The big event of the evening was helping Mr. and Mrs. George Annis celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. They were surprised, when entering the hall to hear the crowd singing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here." They were presented with a lovely basket of flowers from the Grange. Several more songs were enjoyed, but later in the evening two lovely cakes were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Annis. One cake was cut and served to those present, their friends wishing them many more years of wedded bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Annis have three sons, Homer who resides in Midland, Howard, a member of the Coast Guards, at Traverse City, Forest, who is some where in Africa. They also have two grandsons serving Uncle Sam.

Games were enjoyed the rest of the evening.

The committee wishes to thank all those who so generously furnished such nice prizes; several articles were auctioned off, and caused much fun.

The members will be able to make another payment on the hall soon, which is good news to all.

South Branch News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forrester attended church services in Grayling Sunday.

The Richardson school has a new coat of paint. It made a big improvement.

A large number attended the party given by the South Branch Ladies' Aid at the parsonage Friday evening. Everyone received a home made gift. Some of the gifts made by the men were unique. A lovely lunch was served late in the evening. Everybody had a good time. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Forrester Friday evening, January 21st.

Mr. Guy Sheil arrived at his home on furlough New Year's eve.

Mrs. Robert Pappenfus and baby returned to her home in Grayling after visiting her parents during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starr attended church in Kalkaska last Sunday morning and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Snay.

There will be church services at the South Branch church next Sunday Jan. 9 at 2:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Terhune and daughter of Flint spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schwalm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boersma are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 31st.

Won't Drink Milk

A recent survey showed that 49 per cent of adult women and 44 per cent of adult men never drink milk.

Back From Tarawa on a Stretcher



U. S. coast guardsmen bring a wounded marine aboard their transport posted near the bloody beach of Tarawa. He was one of the 2,700 casualties suffered by the marine corps in the bitterest battle of its career. Withering fire from heavily fortified Japanese concrete pillboxes caused most of the marine casualties.

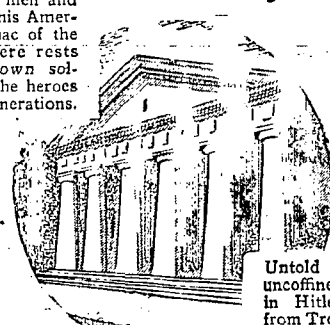
My Rube' I'd bet Presid



Left: Maj. Alberto Taborga, who was reported to have led the rebel military forces that overthrew the government of Bolivia. Right: Former President Enrique Penaranda, who was escorted to Africa, Chile, by the revolutionists. One of the first acts of the new government was to seize the tin mines which had been producing for the U. S. and Britain.

Side by side sleep 50-000 service men and women in this American

"bivouac of the dead," where rests "the unknown soldier," and the heroes of many generations.



Arlington

Buy an Extra \$100
 Bond in September

NEED FOR UNITED EFFORT

To win this war we must have unity of effort. "The do-as-I-tell-you-not-as-I-do" attitude will never motivate national power or bring speedy victory.

This need for united effort was emphasized by the President in his recent call for a 40 per cent reduction in the use of government automobiles. "The use of tires and gasoline," he said, "is a national emergency."

A report of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures says:

"Despite the growing automobile crisis, both in tires and gasoline, the production of the committee indicates that for the first four months of the present fiscal year the various agencies of the government, exclusive of the Army and Navy, consumed for the most part to use as many passenger cars, to drive as many miles, and to consume about as much gasoline as did these agencies in a comparable period of the previous year, notwithstanding the efforts of the government to reduce the consumption of gasoline and conserve rubber."

Same Standard for All

"The committee believes that the same standard of strictly essential driving should be applicable to government employees as now applies to individual citizens."

The committee gives figures upon which its conclusions are based. In the last fiscal year the government owned 17,305 passenger automobiles, exclusive of the Army and Navy and exclusive of trucks and motorcycles. It now owns 18,953 passenger automobiles.

AMERICA

These words from a recent advertisement are worth reading twice: "A drum, a little red wagon, a picture book; these are gifts that bring joy to a boy's heart. But you can give him a far greater gift. You can give him the right to live as a free American."

Free Enterprise

It took Germany nine years to build enough plants and equipment to fight this war; it took Japan 25 years, Russia 20 years. American industry, under free enterprise, has done it in two years.



RIGHT ON TIME

The big business man had died and gone to—well, not to heaven. But hardly had he settled down for a nice long smoke when a hearty hand slapped him on the back, and into his ear boomed the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him much on earth.

"Well, Mr. Smith," chortled the salesman, "I'm here for the appointment."

"What appointment?"

"Why, don't you remember?" the salesman went on. "Every time I entered your office on earth you told me you'd see me here!"

Deduction

Joe—So you can tell me what I am by the food I eat. Well, today, I had a steak, potatoes, beans, chef salad, apple pie a la mode, nuts and coffee for supper. What am I?

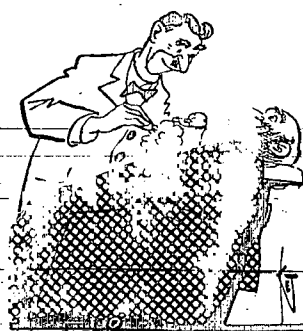
Bill—You're either a millionaire or a liar. And I know you're not a millionaire.

You Said It!

Bill—I'll stand on my constitutional rights. And if I can't speak standing I'll speak sitting. And if I can't speak sitting, I'll speak lying!

Joe—That's one thing you'll always do!

SILENCE REQUESTED



Barber—Thank you for the tip. This is the first time I ever received a tip before I even started to shave a customer.

Stranger—That's not a tip. That's hush money!

Success Secret

Rastus—How come youall is so cheerfullike all de time?

Sambo—Ah's jus learned yo's gotta co-operate wid de inevitable!

Ain't It the Truth?

Harry—How come they took you in the army? You've got a lame leg.

Jerry—Yeh, but they told me I was in to fight, not to run!

Marital Bliss

Mrs.—They say the war has increased the number of marriages.

Mr.—I thought we'd agreed not to keep dragging up the horrors of war!

Pleasant Job

Harry—I've a friend who does nothing all day but go around in a car with a pocketful of money.

Jerry—He must be a millionaire.

Harry—No, he's a bus conductor!

With a Bounce!

Clerk—But why do you want a crib with such high sides?

New Father—I thought it would be easier to hear the baby when he falls out.

PAGING HITLER



Harry—What's your idea of civilization?

Jerry—It's a very good idea. Somebody ought to start it.

Wait Your Turn

Jane—Did Mabel accept Jim when he proposed?

Joan—No, but she put him in the last classification—to be drawn only as a last resort.

Wash Day Blues

Mother—And what are your eyes for?

Sonny—To see with.

Mother—And what is your nose for?

Sonny—to smell with.

Mother—And your ears?

Sonny—to keep clean!

Not a Bite

Rastus—Dey say de cod an' white fish am awful good 'round here.

Sambo—Ah don' know. Ah'm jus' habin' for de habibut!

Want Ads

FOR SALE—Crosley 7-tube all-electric radio. Inquire, Junior Trudeau. Phone 3161.

LOST—A pair of skis on U. S. 27 about two miles south of town. Please leave at Avalanche office, or with Mrs. Pearl Nolan. 1-6-1.

FOR SALE—Bathinette. In good condition. Cor. Lake and Elm streets. Mrs. Joseph Lennert.

FOR RENT—Four room house. Electric lights, pump in kitchen. 305 Shellenberger. May be shown between one and three o'clock Sunday. Mrs. Victor Niles.

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y. 1-6-5.

FOUND—L. O. T. M. badge. Inquire of Silverine Johnson, 205 Erie Street.

WANTED—To buy, a small or medium sized saw-mill. Send information to H. L. Fox, Allen, Mich. 12-30-31

LOST—A pair of skis on U. S. 27 about two miles east of town. Please leave at Avalanche office, or with Mrs. Pearl Nolan.

FOR SALE—Circulating Heater. In fair condition. Ray Denno, 212 Alger St., South Side. 12-30-43

WANTED—Log and pulpwood cutters. Housing accommodations furnished. Apply to C. H. Lintz, South Branch Ranch, Roscommon, Mich. 12-30-31

FOR SALE—Blonde Walnut bridge table, like new, with folding, swivel top. Trudeau Studio.

CASH—For your used cars. Phone 3731, Dore Mfg. Co., Grayling. 12-30-4.

REGISTERED O. I. C. Bear service. Andie A. Nelson, Beaver Creek. 12-30-3.

MAID WANTED—To work in lovely new home in Chicago. Three children, but mother takes full charge of them. Clean woman of good character with ability to do plain cooking desired. Own room, radio and powder room; free movie a week; and 3 months spent each summer at Houghton Lake. Salary \$75.00 per month plus good bonus. Please write giving age, personal description and experience if any. If possible send snapshot which will be returned promptly. Transportation expenses. Grayling to Chicago will be returned. Earl M. Johnson, Johnson's Rustic Resort, Prudenville, Mich. 12-30-2.

LOST—Beagle hound, white with black and brown spots, near Ausable CCC Camp Sunday Dec. 19. Reward. John Brady, Grayling. 12-23-3.

LOST—Female English Setter. Lost about 3 miles north of town on Pines road, Sunday, Dec. 19th. Reward offered. C. H. Thompson. 12-23-3.

PIANO FOR SALE—Bargain for cash only. Inquire of Art Williams, Roscommon, Mich. 12-23-3.

"DO YOU want to sell your deer hunting land?"—Write or business property? Write telling what you have to sell. Adam Kowalski, Realtor, 508 N. Monroe, Bay City, Mich. 12-16-4

BABY CHICKS—Book your order now for January. February, March, April, May or June delivery to insure delivery when you want them and save \$1.00 to \$2.00 per 100 chicks. Early order discount. Sterling Hatchery, Sterling, Mich. 12-16-7.

HOUSE FOR RENT—Quite modern. Good location, lights, water, bath, oil heat. Inquire at Avalanche Office. Phone 311.

Wanted--Oil Leases

In Northwestern Michigan by one of Michigan's most active oil drilling companies now participating in drilling operations on several Wildcat tests.

We pay good lease rentals but are primarily interested in deep drilling operations for new crude oil production.

Please give complete legal description of your farm acreage, section number, town and range information.

Send this advertisement together with your resident address to

OIL DRILLING COMPANY.

Corn Weight

Total dry weight of silage corn continues to increase until the ears are nearly mature unless leaves die and fall off before that time. On the other hand, total green weight begins to decrease at least two weeks before maximum weight is reached. This reduces the total weight of material which must be handled.

Shoe Ties Were Curled

The toes of shoes worn by court dandies in the 12th century were often curled in the shape of a ram's horn.

News

THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Penny, of Toledo, Ohio, have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Marie Kristofferson spent last week with her son, Aage, at DeWitt, Mich.

Roy McEvers underwent an operation at the Mercy Hospital, Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Barney, of Lewiston, were callers at the Wilfred Laurant home on New Year's day.

Misses Mary Ann Failing and Donna Millikin, of Midland, visited over New Year's at their parental homes.

The Hospital Aid will meet with Mrs. C. G. Clippert Thursday Jan. 13th. Mrs. C. R. Keyport will be co-hostess.

Sgt. Otis Feldhauser of Fort Story, Va., is home on furlough, visiting his father, Charles Feldhauser, of Maple Forest.

Mrs. James Perry spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mattoon, of Pontiac.

The Ladies' Aid of Michelson Memorial church will hold a bake sale on Saturday, January 15, at Burrows' Food Market. 1-6-21

Capt. and Mrs. E. M. Rasinen returned Sunday to Springfield, Mo., after a several days visit with the latter's mother Mrs. Frank May and family.

Miss Rita Stahlman of Shepard, first grade teacher in the public schools, has resigned her position here. Mrs. Roy Trudgeon has been hired to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Thomas J. Wells and her daughter, Joye, spent a week in Detroit, visiting Mr. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward, and awaiting arrival of their son, Perry E. Wells, from Fort Bragg, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Simpson of Romeo returned to their home Monday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudeau. Mrs. James Wingard accompanied them home and will remain for a visit.

Pfc. Perry E. Wells was home on furlough the past week. Also his father, Thomas Wells, of Detroit, was home for three days last week. And Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward and son of Berkeley, Mich., were New Year's guests at the Thomas Wells home.

All children and 14 grandchildren were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. SanCartier at a family reunion and home-coming of their son, Walter, serving in Panama; also a farewell to their grandson, Bob Tiffin who leaves tonight for Air Cadet training.

Mrs. Celia Granger had a family dinner Christmas day. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamm, and son Tommy and Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and sons George Jr., and Jimmy.

Pvt. Robert Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark, and Pvt. Alfred Hanson, son of Mrs. Carl Hanson, have been transferred from Fort Benning Ga., to Michigan State College at East Lansing, to take a 12-week course in engineering. They arrived there Monday.

Miss Ruth Kuhlman has returned to Augustana College, in Rock Island, Illinois, after spending her vacation with Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Kuhlman. Other guests of the Kuhlman during the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis and daughter, and Mrs. C. E. Rush of Saginaw.

I do not do dry cleaning at present, however, I still do repair work, such as making over men's clothes and small repairs on ladies garments, shortening coats and sleeves, etc. A. E. Hendrickson, South Side. 1-6-2.

Barbara and Phyllis Schmidt returned Monday from Detroit, where they visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt, during vacation week. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their three other daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Langlois, and daughter and Ray Owen, of Detroit, had spent Christmas in Grayling with Mrs. Holger Schmidt and son Devere.

Miss Billyann Clippert and Allen Stephenson drove to Mason Friday to be guests of Maurine Ward who was celebrating her birthday anniversary. They were accompanied as far as Mt. Pleasant by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb who had spent Christmas holidays here. Also by Miss Gloria MacNeven who was returning to Michigan State College at East Lansing.

A party of seventeen friends enjoyed an eleven o'clock dinner with the festivities that followed at Zauel's Tavern New Year's eve. The list included: Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meisel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Glen Penrod, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Royale Wright, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. Holger Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Throop, Mrs. Amy Gothro and Mr. Sam Rasmussen.



Naomi Elrdan, 17-year-old coed of Pasadena Junior college, California, who was chosen queen of the 1944 Tournament of Roses. Queen Naomi was born in Michigan.

Miss Betty Ann Cunningham is a guest of Mrs. Martha Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Millikin, of Oscoda, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Joyce.

Mrs. Rose Akers and children spent last week at her parents' home in Harrisville.

Mrs. Hanover and Lois and Lawrence spent the week with Mr. Hanover in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Schnelker of Flint were guests over New Year's of the latter's father Chris Hoesli and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovely and friends, of Auburn, spent the past week-end visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Marshall and children, Curtis and John of Bay City, spent the week end with their respective parents.

The Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church will meet with Mrs. Frank Bond at her home on Friday at 1:00 p. m. "Pot Luck."

Sidney Cunningham and family, of Pontiac, are visiting relatives and friends in Grayling. Sidney will soon leave for the Army soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice White and children and Eileen Swarthout, of Jackson, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Swarthout.

Mrs. Kay Gundert of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and her father of Gaylord spent a few days visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli entertained with a watch party New Year's Eve. The guests spent the evening informally, at midnight enjoying a fine lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber of Frederic left Tuesday night to spend a couple of months in Santa Ana, Calif., where they will visit Mrs. Niver, a sister of Mrs. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson have received word that their daughter Marion, has arrived safely at New Guinea. Miss Hanson is with the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Guy Leverton underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy Hospital last Friday morning. Her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Wells of Detroit was called home last week due to her illness.

Pvt. Walter SanCartier, who is on Army duty in Panama arrived home Monday and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph SanCartier. He is looking fine and is glad to be home once again.

Mrs. Elsie Millikin and two daughters and Mrs. Vern Clark, of Detroit spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin while her daughter, Marilyn was a patient at Mercy Hospital, where she underwent an appendix operation.

Mrs. William Weiss and family received the following Christmas cablegram from her son James, who is serving his country in Australia. "Love and Best Wishes for Xmas and the New Year. All well." James Weiss.

Miss Natalie Ann Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson, is chairman of the committee in charge of invitations for the annual J-Hop to be held in the ballroom at Keeler Union, Central Michigan College on January 14.

Richard Peterson, who was listed in last week's edition of the Avalanche as an aviation cadet, is now a lieutenant in the Army air corps. He left Tuesday for California, after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson.

Mrs. Otto Eden and daughter Patsy of Bay City and Mrs. Harry Weiss and son Lewis of Gaylord were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. William Weiss. Miss Evelyn Weiss, who spent a week with her sister Mrs. Eden and family in Bay City returned home Friday.

The Coffee Shoppe has moved from the Harwood building into

Russians Push West as Winter Sets In



With their great ally winter now increasing in strength and ferocity daily, the Russians have begun new drives to crush the Nazi invader. A full-scale push toward Rumania was begun at (1) Cherkassy. At Kiev (2) a fierce Nazi counterattack failed with heavy losses. Map shows the line of furthest German advance on July 12 and indicates the approximate present front.

the Michigan Public Office building, two doors away. A new lunch counter and stools have been added and additions made to their kitchen equipment. It is owned and operated by Mrs. Sherman Neal and Mr. Joseph Legg.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Funck enjoyed having their sons, Edwin and Robert and wife home over the holidays. T-4 Robert is stationed with the Signal Corps at Campbell, Ky., and Pfc. Martin is at Camp Mackall, N. C. Mrs. Robert Funck is making her home in Ferndale for the duration.

Corp. Lloyd G. Gierke sends the following greeting from Italy to us: "Never too far away to wish you a Merry Christmas and every good wish for happiness in the New Year." He is with the 525th Fighter Bomber Squadron. Other greetings were received from Don Brown, Fort Story, Va. and T-4 Vernon Campbell, Camp Polk, La.

Three tables of contract bridge were in play following a luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Wednesday noon. The hostess served the guests on small tables scattered thru the living rooms. High score ladies were Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mrs. Horace Ocker of Traverse City. Guests of the club were Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Robert Hayes and Mrs. Ocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman returned the latter part of the week from Rantoul, Ill. where they spent the Christmas holidays visiting their son Pfc. Clayton Gorman, who is training at Chanute Field. The latter expects to finish his aviation machine training next month. Returning the Gormans stopped at Milford, Mich., and visited Mrs. Gorman's brother Peter Jensen, who has been quite ill, but who is improving.

A number of babies have recently been born at Mercy Hospital. Dec. 21st to Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, Frederic, a daughter, Carolyn Esther; to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murphy, Roscommon, a daughter, Helen Frances; Dec. 25th; to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Moore, Roscommon, a daughter, Loretta Jean; Dec. 26th; to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell, Grayling, a son, William Joseph; Dec. 28th; to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Magee of Kalkaska, Dec. 28th a daughter, Karen Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Williams of Midland, Jan. 2nd, a daughter.

I will be in Gaylord Friday and Friday evening, January 17, 1944. Offices over Guggisberg's Store, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Call phone 140M, Gaylord, for appointment. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Michigan.

Rabbits on Menu
On the West coast, especially southern California, rabbit meat has been on the menus of hotels, restaurants and hospitals for years. Los Angeles alone during 1942 ate up close to seven million pounds of this tasty dish.

The interests of every client are thoroughly and economically looked after.

NORMAN E. BUTLER
Grayling Funeral Home
Ambulance Service
Phone 3531

The Weather

Gray but mild weather predominated for the past week until Tuesday. Temperatures dropped slightly and light wind and snowfall have continued since.

Barometer reading appears to indicate a slight letup of storm conditions.

CARD OF THANKS

We are very appreciative of the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement of the passing of our father and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and family.

Mrs. Karen Jensen.

Womans Club Notes

The club met again Monday evening at the school and continued the study of Home Economics under Mrs. Don Gothro, after the holiday recess.

The lesson on "Tissue Needs" was given. A film "This Too Is Sabotage" was shown. Serving to us of low nutritional value is sabotage to home service and home making.

Mrs. Max Laage gave a detailed report, as chairman of the charity committee, of the Christmas donations by the club and how they were given out. A very generous contribution was made by the club ladies that gave Christmas cheer to many.

WAS MEMBER OF HONOR GUARD OF PRESIDENT WHILE IN SICILY

Tech. Sgt. Leroy R. Babbitt, who is stationed in Sicily, was an honor guard for President F. D. Roosevelt on his recent visit there. Leroy will have been two years in the service next month, and has been overseas over a year. He is a mechanic in the Air Corps, 36th Troop Carrier Squadron. Sgt. Babbitt is the son of Mrs. Howard Bunker.

Knitters Wanted

A Red Cross call has come in for a lot of sweaters and watch caps. Knitters are needed. If you can help, please get in touch with Mrs. C. E. McNamara of Miss Margrethe Bauman. They have the yarn and can give full instructions.

Spray Helps Yield
Potatoes sprayed through the season with Bordeaux mixture yield an average of 70 bushels to the acre more than unsprayed potatoes in a year when blight is slight. In a year of much blight damage, it prevents loss of an entire crop.

Queen Smokes

Queen Taboon of the Gilbertese natives gets a light from Lt. Bruno Raymond whom she hasn't seen since he was a child. He was born on the Gilbert Islands and returned there as a pilot for the U. S. navy during the Invasion of Makin. He is a member of the Royal Australian Naval reserve.

SPECIAL CLEARANCE SALE

10 DAYS ONLY!

25 Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats

Reduced for Final Clearance

1/3 Off

20 Girls' Winter Coats

Now 1/2 Price

SMASHING REDUCTIONS!

On LADIES' DRESSES

Jerseys - Crepes - Wools

A smart selection, at greatly reduced prices. Junior - Misses' and Ladies' sizes.

Men's Suits - O'Coats and Mackinaws

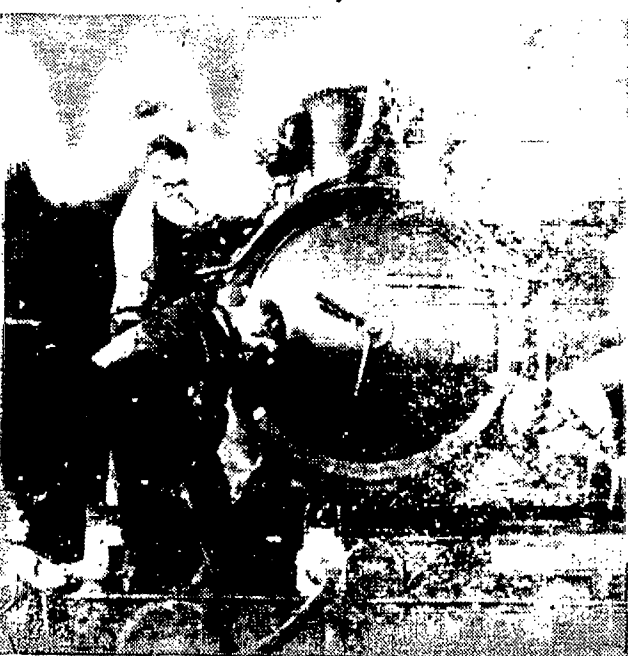
20% Off

CHOICE, LADIES' HATS

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Grayling Mercantile Co.

Eton Lads Curry Iron Horse



Eton schoolboys change their high hats and carefully styled suits for overalls as they volunteer their services to clean railroad engines. A group is seen grooming an iron horse at a depot in Slough.

Rationing at a

Board opens to the m. to 5 p. m. every week
PROCESSED FOOD
Green D, E and F in Book 3, good through January 20.
MEATS, CHEESE, FATS, CANNED FIS, NED MILK.

Brown stamps L, M and Q in Book 3, good through Jan. 1; Stamp 6; S Jan. 2; T Jan. 9; U expire Jan. 29.

SUGAR
Stamps 29 in Book 4, pounds through Jan.

SHOES.
Stamp 18 in Book 1, airplane stamp in Book 3 or 1 pair each until it is used.

GASOLINE
Stamp A-9 good for through Jan. 21, 1944, and C stamps good for until further notice. B stamps good for 5 gal. used. State and license must be written on file coupon making delivery receipt of oil.

TIRES
Next inspection due vehicles by March 31, by Feb. 29; C's by Feb. 29; D's by March 13. All coupons must be used by first.

FUEL OIL
Period 1 coupons good Jan. 3; period 2 coupons good through Feb. 7; period 3 coupons good through March 13. All coupons must be used by first of 10 gallons for oil.

Soybeans for Hay
Soybeans intended for hay should be cut when the seeds start to mature and before they are half grown. When harvested for silage, should fill the pod. Soybeans cut at the normal time will make silage making during part of August.

No Curves
A baseball batter's paragon of curve balls, is Quito which is 9,500 feet above sea level. Because of the tattered and only straight pitches can be thrown.

Tops Edible
The tops of beets and root vegetables are edibly, quite more nutritious roots.

Want Ads Bring Quick Results. Try 'em.

Letters from Camp

LETTER FROM CORPORAL DICK LOWE

Mr. O. P. Schumann,
Editor, Grayling Avalanche,
Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

It has been some time since I have written to you and the people of Grayling, collectively speaking. Perhaps I have not had sufficient time and material of interest.

Now I have been in England for some time and I thought perhaps the people back home would be interested to know the people of England as they really are.

As always, the family is the very basis of all social life, whether it is Britain or the United States. Here the people are less of the transient nature. They live in one community most of their lives without knowing what their neighbor is doing, other than that which is printed in the local newspaper. This being the case, public opinion is a social regulator. They live by tradition and not cultural change as we do in America. In spite of this they are able to produce in huge quantities and excellent quality as we do in America. This question of tradition perhaps confuses us Yanks more than does anything else. War has changed this somewhat but the best place to learn the pastime British is to visit one of the prosaic little chapels so common in British small villages. I cite this as an example because war changes the real Christian very little, whereas the common run of people will turn to degenerate practices. It was five weeks ago today that I first visited one of these religious institutions in a village nearby. As I entered the house of worship the invisible bonds of friendship were almost able to be seen shining through a fog of loneliness. Soon the fog had cleared and those once invisible bonds were very tangible. I was elucidated to know at last I had found sincere friends in a strange land.

We Yanks have the contention that there is only one way to do anything, and that is the American way. All other methods of accomplishment are taboo. It is my contention if we banish this false theory and endeavor to understand instead of criticizing, we will have accomplished much to build up Anglo-American relations. Not only that, but we will think with an unbiased mind about our friends who have done so much to preserve our American way of life. Race problem with the British is negligible because they show no favoritism to race or creed. Which is a freedom boasted of by America and practiced by the British.

I hope that this will be of service to someone in the States—that they may know that the British are a wonderful people. This statement will be challenged by some because I have been challenged by my friends here with me.

Your best friend,
DICK LOWE.

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92nd Depot Repair Sqn.,
A. P. O. 638,
c-o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Skins Used in Shoes
Goat, kid, shark, snake, kangaroo, and many other skins are being increasingly used as uppers for women's shoes.

V-MAIL LETTER FROM SOLDIER IN ENGLAND

Mr. O. P. Schumann,
Grayling Avalanche,
Grayling, Michigan.

England, Dec. 19, '43.

Dear Editor:

I have been receiving the Avalanche as regular as could be expected, but it has my old APO No. on it, and my APO No. now is 649, so you will change that, please?

I would like to write you an open-minded letter, but I am afraid from experience it would arrive too full of holes. However, I have traveled around England quite a bit in my spare time and have met many boys that I knew in the States over here, thanks to the Red Cross clubs where they registered.

The Hospital that I am connected with is a product of Lend-Lease recently completed; this makes the third hospital I have been privileged to help start in my Army Service, and consequently the third X-ray dept. This hospital is a full-fledged war baby and is a monument to English perfection and foresight. Our equipment is half American and half English; we work half the time in harmony.

Most of the churches in England are hundreds of years old, and have a beauty all their own. This hospital was built similarly. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

I remain,
S. SGT. FARRELL GORMAN,
316 Station Hosp.,
A. P. O. 649,
c-o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNamara:

I am introducing myself as an American Soldier overseas. At this time I wish to thank you fine people for the wonderful Red Cross kit I received from you. It really makes us happy when we know that the people at home are thinking about us when we are across.

Thanking you once again, I remain,

Your American Soldier friend
JACK E. BETTISON.

My home address is:
53 E. La Platte St.,
Butte, Montana.

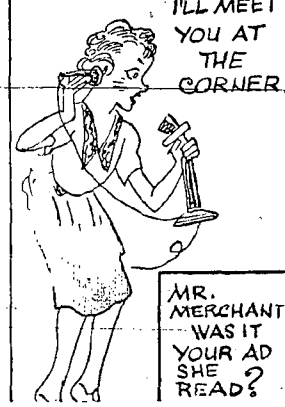
Corn Borer Remedies
Now is the time for farmers to map their warfare against the European corn borer. Clean plowing is an important practice in the control program and is more satisfactory than burning, because this latter practice fails to kill all the borers and destroys valuable organic matter. All cornstalks and weeds should be removed or plowed under before May 10. If oats follow corn in rotation, the land should be plowed before oats seeding. Since it is necessary to plow corn stubble, it might be well to follow corn with soybeans and disc the soybean stubble the next year for oats seeding. Where legume seedings are to be made in oats following soybeans, thorough packing of the soils will aid in securing good stands of the legumes.

In areas of heavy infestation, it is desirable to avoid early planting of corn on very fertile soils in order to escape as many of the first generation borers as possible. Because first generation borers moths prefer to lay eggs on tall, fast-growing corn, such plants will have the heaviest egg deposits.



We can't win the war without the navy; our soldier can't win unless our ships deliver; merchant ships can't deliver unless the home front provides. One important conveyer job is flashing signals as this youth is doing in the Battle of the Atlantic. Your equally important job is to continue buying War Bonds until victory.
U. S. Treasury Department

OH, GRACE, SOME OF THE BEST BARGAINS IN THE PAPER TODAY! LET'S GO SHOPPING! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE CORNER!



STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1943.

Present, Honorable Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Augusta M. Doby, Deceased.

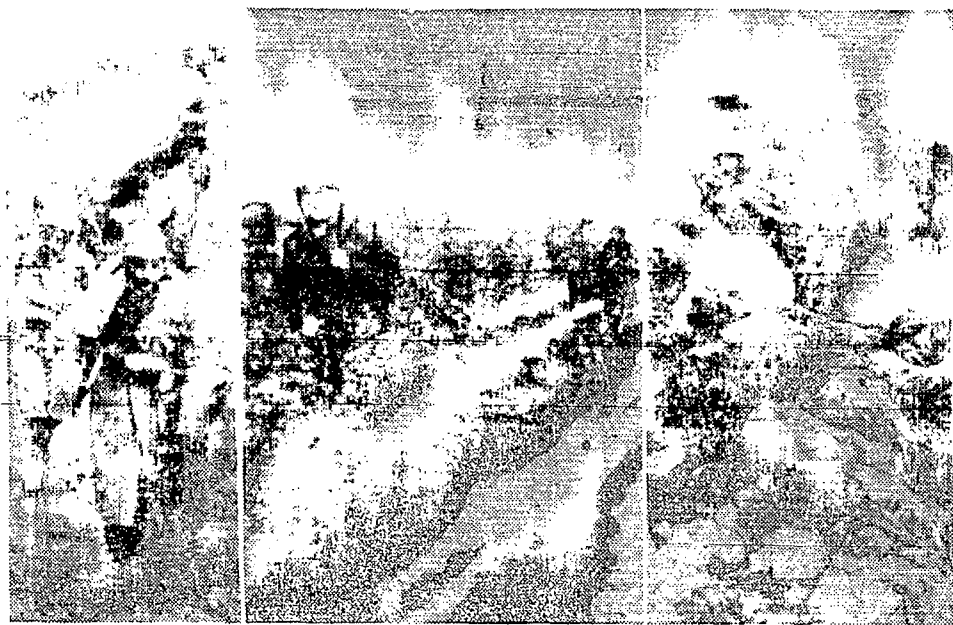
Louise H. McCormick having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to her or to some other suitable person, It is ordered, that the 31st day of January, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate. 1-6-4.

Italians Fight Their Former Nazi Partners



Left: Pictorial proof of the fulfillment of Premier Tadoglio's promise that Italian forces would fight on the Allied side in this photograph of Italian soldiers carrying ammunition to our forces near Mount Lugo. Center: American soldiers in Italy lay wire through a muddy terrain. Pictured are Pvt. John A. Ray of Tomaston, Ga., and Staff Sgt. Edward J. Dwyer, Jersey City, N. J. Right: These Italians bring a thorough knowledge of their country's topography to the side of the Allies. They are shown aiming at the invader from positions on rocky Mount Lugo.

"Renegotiation" Might Touch You

Under no other circumstances is the fine spirit of neighborly cooperation shown to better advantage in a rural community than in the case of fire or other calamity. This friendly spirit is not based upon personal interest, but upon the deep sympathy that just naturally arises in case of disaster. Of course, there is a personal interest if the fire threatens our own property, but we like to think this unity of spirit in our rural life is typical of America. There is this same community of interest between industry, labor and agriculture, although sympathy for each other's troubles seldom comes to the surface.

Every farmer knows that his best market for the produce of his farm is our local domestic market. He depends upon this domestic market to consume over 90 per cent of what our American farms produce each year. If anything happens to his domestic market, like the depression and loss of employment in the early thirties, agriculture is at once affected. On the other hand, if anything happens to the buying power of agriculture, industry is hurt just as badly.

Right now congress is considering the renegotiation of all government contracts. The law was passed on April 28, 1942. Some people are urging that these new renegotiation bureaus should examine contracts made long before the law was passed.

Take the case of a contract made in 1940. The work has been done and paid for; taxes have been paid to the government on the profits, if any; labor has been paid and the money balance distributed either in repairs to plant or perhaps paid in dividends to stockholders.

Danger of Retroactive Measures
Suppose that same thing happened to our local store, or even to our farmers themselves. Suppose the prices we received for our crops, or the conservation payments by the government for 1941 or 1940 were suddenly to be "renegotiated." Every farmer has either fed out or sold his crop, purchased new machinery or perhaps painted the barn, or bought a new dress for his wife. If, under a retroactive law, he were suddenly put up against the threat of renegotiation, all of his credit, and perhaps even his investment, would be disturbed.

No one wants unfair profits or excessive dividends out of war contracts. Investigation has shown that over 95 per cent of industry and business made no excessive profits out of the war. Certainly no farmers have received excessive prices for farm crops.

Now Is the Time for Unity
We want to get on with this war. We must have unity. Unity is based upon mutual confidence in our government and in each other. We are all looking forward to a return of peace after the war has been won. We will then want to resume our domestic markets, replace worn-out farm machinery and resume our normal trade relationships. Industry and business will need all of their American ingenuity and strength to provide jobs which, in turn, furnish our domestic market after the war.

True, renegotiation at present is applied only to industry and contracts with the government. But we all recognize the good old American principle that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If business contracts can be renegotiated under a law passed long after the business contracts were made, how about the sanctity of our own contracts?

Just now the fire seems far from our own neighborhood, but if we look closely, our domestic markets, both now and after the war, are involved. We can well take time, off to show a little neighborly spirit and help put out the fire.

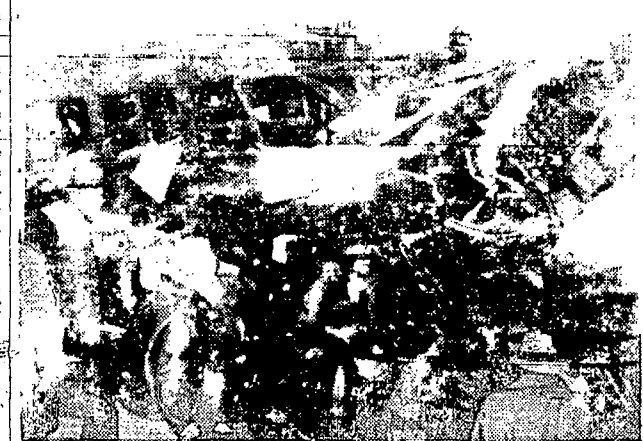
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Another Variety of Af...



Carpenter's Mate Milbery F. Baker grew this chin bush in Africa. Electrician's Mate Buddy E. Dollar brushes it for him. They were among the approximately 1,000 Seabees, officers and men of the 54th naval construction battalion who recently returned to American soil for the first time in 10 months.

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Wreck of the Atlantic Coast Lines' two streamlined trains which killed 72 and injured approximately 100. Workers using torches are shown attempting to reach victims. Cars of one train were derailed and a few minutes later the second train crashed into the derailed coaches despite positive signal which had been built by passengers of the first train.

Part of California Record Grape Crop



A few of the 2,610,000 tons of grapes grown in California are pictured being unloaded at a winery in Quasli. Most of the record crop will be utilized for raisins according to a government order. About half a million tons will be crushed for California wineries which supply more than 85 per cent of America's table consumption.

Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.
Young People's meeting at 8:30.
Join us in these helpful meetings.

Public is invited.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

English Sunday Services

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11 A. M.—Worship.
Everyone is welcome.
Svend Holm, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State

Sunday Services

Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Sermon—11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting.
Friday—7:30 p. m.
Come and worship with us.
Alva Calkins, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

New Location—Grange Hall

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

6:45 P. M.—Young people.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Midweek Services

Thursday—

7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every-

body's Bible Class.

You are welcome.

Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Services at Frederic

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

Bible Study every Wednesday

at 8 p. m.

Church Services

12:00 o'clock at Lovell's school-

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Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION—OTTER

The Director of Conservation having made a thorough investigation of conditions relative to otter, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that for a period of one year from January 1, 1944, it shall be unlawful to take or by any means in any of the counties of the State, except that in the Lower Peninsula they may be taken from March 15 to 31, inclusive, in accordance with beaver and other regulations for 1944. Signed, sealed and ordered published this seventh day of December, 1943.

HARRY H. WHITELEY,
Chairman.

WAYLAND OSGOOD,
Secretary.

Countersigned:
P. J. HOFFMASTER,
Director.

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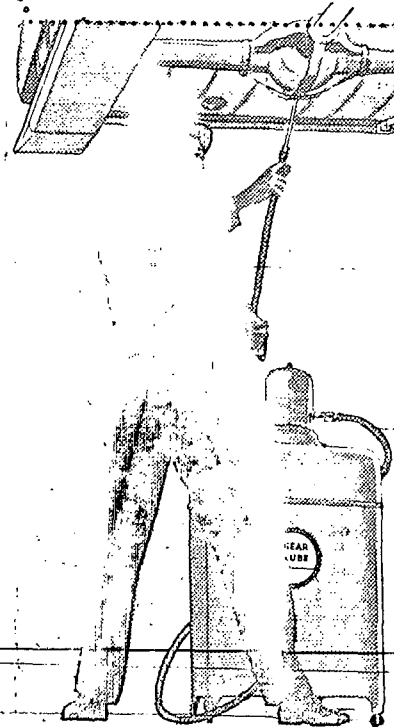
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